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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL CADET ADVISORY COUNCIL

FROM: Chair

SUBJECT: Minutes of 12 Feb 2006

1. Roll Call

Chair	C/Lt Col Thomas Rehman
NER	C/Maj Sam Imbriale, Representative
MER	C/Lt Col Russell Ahrens, Representative
SER	C/Lt Col Andrew Anderson, Representative
GLR	C/Lt Col Robert Koehler, Representative
	C/Lt Col Aaron Angelini, Assistant Representative
SWR	C/Lt Col Jamie Hurley, Representative
PCR	C/Col Christine Smith, Representative
NCR	Absent
RMR	Absent
Senior	Brig Gen Richard Anderson
NHQ	Mr. Curt LaFond

2. The meeting was called to order at 1707 Eastern Time by the Chair.

3. Reports

- a. NER. The NER Representative arrived late due to the massive blizzard which hit the East Coast and knocked out power there.
- b. MER. The Region CAC met the previous month successfully and discussed the wear of the flag patch on the BDUs, feeling that it is unnecessary for CAP uniforms.
- c. GLR. The Region CAC met the previous month and had significant discussions. One major point was setting a goal or vision for the Region Cadet Programs and establishing a steering committee for the same.
- d. SER. The Region CAC has recently established an electronic forum to discuss topics, as well as a website for the Region CAC. Links will be distributed to the council. They also discussed Region Cadet Competition (last weekend of March) and the face to face CAC meeting planned at that event.
- e. SWR. The Region CAC is heavily involved in planning the Region Cadet Competition and a face to face meeting there, as well as a RCLS scheduled for mid-July.
- f. PCR. The Region is working to make sure that everyone can make it to a meeting at the end of April, as well as Cadet Competition and Region Cadet Leadership Schools.
- g. Senior. The senior advisor was unable to get out of a meeting in time to present reports, but attended the end of the meeting.
- h. NHQ. Mr. LaFond detailed some of the TLC Courses which were taking place across the nation.

4. New Business

- a. Items from Previous Term (Chair). The council examined items from the previous term that were provided by the Chair, including proposals regarding the creation of a Reserve Status and proposals regarding the addition of Age Limits for certain milestones. GLR (C/Lt Col Koehler) motioned for the 05-06 council to endorse the proposals for presentation. SWR (C/Lt Col Hurley) seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. Von Braun Discussion (Chair). Discussion was held regarding the information provided to the Chair by members of CAWG on Von Braun. The concern was raised that due to Von Braun's involvement with the Nazi Party in Germany, he might not be appropriate to have an achievement named after him. Names suggested in the place of his name included A. Scott Crossfield, John Glenn, and Burt Rutan.

Due to a lack of salient facts in the discussion, the council elected to table it and do more research into the issue before making a recommendation. SWR (C/Lt Col Hurley) motioned to table; GLR (C/Lt Col Koehler) seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

5. Old Business

- a. Winter National Board Meeting Decision (NHQ). Mr. LaFond explained that some serious budget cuts were hitting Civil Air Patrol and at the moment, there was simply no money to support travel and expenditures for the National CAC. The Chair, concurring with Mr. LaFond, recommended that the council cancel their in-face meeting in March.

C/Lt Col Koehler stated that while he did not personally have the money necessary to travel, his region might possibly be able to provide it. C/Col Smith stated that regardless of the monetary issues, she would be unable to attend due to academic issues. In light of the situations facing most representatives, PCR (C/Col Smith) motioned to cancel the March meeting. GLR (C/Lt Col Koehler) seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. Recruiting Goal (CAP/CC). The former committee chair had not yet passed on his information to the new committee chair; the committee will provide a more thorough report at the next meeting.
- c. Retaining 16 – 17 Year Old Cadet Percentages (NHQ). Discussion was continued on how to best retain older cadets who are just joining the program. Mr. LaFond suggested that the ROTC Leadership Laboratory Manual be posted to the best practices part of the CAP website as a first step. A second, and more serious step, would be to revise fully the leadership curriculum within the program, which is not high on the priority list or the feasibility list at the moment.

During the discussion, Mr. LaFond also raised the question of whether or not the resources which are provided on the web are actively used. The consensus was that the units which utilize the web resources are those units which are already well-off. The Chair brought up that a generational gap might exist between the senior leadership of cadet units and the current cadet leadership, and asked about the feasibility of mailings as opposed to web postings. Mr. LaFond explained that current budget cuts would lead to less and less mailings.

The council decided to form a standing committee (existing from year to year) which will generate best practices to post online for other units to access and utilize, titled the Leadership Development Committee. GLR (C/Lt Col Koehler) motioned to create such a committee; NER (C/Maj Imbriale) seconded. The motion passed unopposed. C/Maj Imbriale will chair the committee, with C/Lt Col Koehler and C/Lt Col Anderson as members. The committee will continue brainstorming and idea generation via email, and C/Maj Imbriale will provide Mr. LaFond with the ROTC Leadership Laboratory Manual.

- d. Shoulder Cord Wear (NER). C/Maj Imbriale reported that he had spoken with Ms. Parker at NHQ and confirmed that a new style of cord was being introduced which is designed to be worn at the seam. There is no date set for this introduction, but it should happen soon.
- e. NCC Position Paper (GLR). C/Lt Col Angelini presented his paper regarding the NCC Rules of Engagement. The council agreed with the sentiments expressed by C/Lt Col Angelini, and had only minor grammatical and stylistic edits. GLR (C/Lt Col Koehler) motioned that the

paper be passed on after C/Lt Col Rehman edited it. NER (C/Maj Imbriale) seconded it. The motion passed unopposed, and the edits will be completed prior to the Winter National Board Meeting.

6. Open Floor

- a. C/Lt Col Koehler brought up the potential of cuts to the IACE program that would eliminate it entirely or eliminate the Washington phase of the program. He wanted to voice his opposition to this possibility. The council agreed that the IACE program should be kept as intact as possible. The Chair volunteered to prepare a memo outlining the council's position. GLR (C/Lt Col Koehler) motioned to have such a memo prepared; SWR (C/Lt Col Hurley) seconded. The motion passed unopposed.
- b. C/Lt Col Anderson brought up an issue that was raised by Mississippi Wing, suggesting that certain milestone awards (the Earhart, Eaker, and Spaatz) should have a promotion board at the Wing level. According to C/Maj Imbriale, the same thing is done in Massachusetts Wing. C/Maj Imbriale will send out the policy from Massachusetts Wing for discussion.

7. The next meeting will be held on 12 March 2006 from 2100-2200 Central Standard Time.

8. SWR (C/Lt Col Hurley) motioned to adjourn. PCR (C/Col Smith) seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1758 Eastern Standard Time.

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Chair
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